

**August 27, 2009**

## **The Calvin Ball Bulletin**

A bulletin to keep you and your neighbors informed of current news and happenings in our community. If you do not get this bulletin directly, feel free to email me at [cball@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:cball@howardcountymd.gov) and I will be sure to get you on the list.

For more District 2 News go to our website at:  
[www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CC\\_DistrictTwo.htm](http://www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CC_DistrictTwo.htm)

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### **We Want To Hear From You!**

The link below will navigate you to a list of meetings open to the public. If you have specific questions please call the contact number listed for that meeting.

[http://www.co.ho.md.us/News/HCG\\_Portal\\_PublicMeetings.htm](http://www.co.ho.md.us/News/HCG_Portal_PublicMeetings.htm)

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### **How Can You Participate in Howard County Government?**

This is your chance to stay informed and involved! Your comments are welcome as the County Council reviews legislation. You may testify in person or simply submit your testimony by email or fax. All legislative public hearings will take place in the **Board of Education, Board Room, 10910 Route 108, Ellicott City, MD 21042**. Click the following link for the Council's calendar of meetings

[http://www.co.ho.md.us/CountyCouncil/CC\\_Legislative\\_CouncilCalendar.htm](http://www.co.ho.md.us/CountyCouncil/CC_Legislative_CouncilCalendar.htm)

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### **View the Council's Current Legislation and Stay Informed**

The County Council is responsible for adopting the laws of the County. The legislative process generally follows a monthly cycle. To view legislation under consideration by the Council, please click on the following link

[http://www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/Legislative\\_Pending.htm](http://www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/Legislative_Pending.htm)

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## **Boards and Commissions Vacancies**

Persons interested in applying for a Board or Commission are invited to view the following link

[http://www.howardcountymd.gov/PortalServices/HC\\_BoardsandCommissions.htm](http://www.howardcountymd.gov/PortalServices/HC_BoardsandCommissions.htm)

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## **Spotlight on District 2 Community Members!**

The following honorees were recognized for their notable achievements and received an honorary resolution from the Howard County Council:

**Tara Brown**, a kindergarten teacher at Talbott Springs Elementary School, was named Howard County Public School System First Year Educator in the elementary category. Ms. Brown is truly a success story. She has worked hard to achieve her lifelong dream of becoming a teacher. Ms. Brown worked part-time in several schools while attending school herself part-time and raising her 4 children. Congratulations Tara!

**Oakland Mills Middle School Concert Band**, On May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2009 the Oakland Mills Middle School's Concert Band made up of the many Gifted and Talented band and Honors Band members participated in the Music in the Parks Adjudication Festival in New Jersey. Competing against thousands of other students, the OM Middle School Concert Band received First Place in its division and the Overall Best Band Award!

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## **Pardon Our Dust!**

You may have seen or may see some road work in your neighborhood. Howard County Department of Public Works will be conducting the following construction projects. Additional information is provided below describing the details of such projects.

### **Curb Milling:**

Phelps Luck side streets

### **Milling:**

Blade Green Lane

Blitheaire Garth

Blue Pool

Crosshive Court

Halfight Garth

Queen Marie Lane

Sheerock Court

Thelo Garth

Tilted Stone

Treefrog Place

Wild Lilac

White Mane

### **Paving:**

Bellwart Way

Blade Green Lane

Bllitheaire Garth

Bright Dawn Court

Buckskin Court

Corncockle Court

Emberend Terrace

Golden Sky Court

Graywing Court

Halfight Garth

Lawyers Hill Road

Lightspun Lane

Luckpenny Place

Raccoon Court

Sheerock Court

Sidelong Place

Summer Hollow Lane

Thelo Garth

Wetbanks Court

White Mane

Wild Lilac

Wintermoss Court

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## **Planning Board Public Work Session Schedule for ZRA 113!**

The normal Planning Board alternate Thursdays schedule has been modified to address the Downtown General Plan Amendment – ZRA 113, as well as other cases. For detailed meeting information, please refer to the Planning Board Agenda. **The Board's role is advisory to the County Council (Rules of Procedure—Section 1.108).**

### **Meeting Schedule**

#### **Wednesday, September 2, 6:00 PM**

Continuation of ZRA 113-Downtown Columbia-General Plan Amendment  
Ellicott 2 Room  
County Offices, 8930 Stanford Boulevard, Columbia

#### **Thursday, September 3, 7:00 PM**

Continuation of ZRA 113-Downtown Columbia-General Plan Amendment  
Columbia  
Ellicott 2 Room  
County Offices, 8930 Stanford Boulevard, Columbia

Comments or testimony may be mailed or e-mailed to [planningboard@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:planningboard@howardcountymd.gov) up to the day prior to the scheduled public meeting.

Special needs requests should be submitted 3 working days prior to the meeting. For more information, contact **Bob Lalush at (410) 313-2350.**

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## **Disaster Volunteer Mobilization Simulation Exercise – August 29<sup>th</sup>!**

The Volunteer Center Serving Howard County will host a disaster volunteer mobilization simulation exercise to prepare community volunteers to assist with the registration and referral of spontaneous volunteers on **Saturday, August 29, 2009 from 10:30 am – 2:30 pm**, at the **Howard County Library (10375 Little Patuxent Parkway, Columbia, MD).**

For more information or to register (required) call Pam at 410-715-3179 or email [pam@volunteerhoward.org](mailto:pam@volunteerhoward.org).

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## **Pre-Budget Public Input Session for Columbia Residents!**

The Columbia Association's (CA) Planning and Strategy Committee is encouraging Columbia residents to attend the Columbia Association's (CA) Pre-Budget Public Input Session on **September 9<sup>th</sup> at 7pm** at CA's Headquarters (**10221 Wincopin Circle, Suite 100, Columbia**) Residents will have the opportunity to provide input and express concerns regarding CA's funds and resources.

All comments and concerns will be discussed at an upcoming Board of Directors work session in January 2010. For more information, you may call the Columbia Association at **410-715-3000**.

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## **What's In Store for Symphony Woods?**

Residents are invited to attend and provide input on a visual concept plan for Symphony Woods. The Columbia Association will be hosting this meeting on **Wednesday, September 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. at Slayton House (10400 Cross Fox Lane, Columbia)**. If you have any questions you may call the Columbia Association at **410-715-3118**.

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## **Howard County WomenFest – September 10<sup>th</sup>!**

Howard County's Department of Citizen Services, Office on Aging presents their first ever WomenFest, a free wellness event for women, on **Thursday, September 10 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at The Bain Center, 5470 Ruth Keeton Way in Columbia**. WomenFest is an interactive day that focuses on health, wellness, fashion and beauty, and is designed to inspire women to live more balanced, healthier and fuller lives. Admission is free.

This year's first ever event will feature health screenings, demonstrations, workshops, seminars, a variety of vendor exhibits and food. For more information log on to

<http://www.howardcountymd.gov/OA/OADocs/womenfest.pdf>

Or, you may call **410-313-7213** or send an e-mail, with “**WomenFest**” in the subject line, to [\*\*bain@howardcountymd.gov\*\*](mailto:bain@howardcountymd.gov)

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## **Free Vehicle Identification Etching – September 14<sup>th</sup>!**

On **Monday, September 14** from **4 to 7 p.m.** at the **Oakland Mills Police Satellite Office (5820 Stevens Forest Road, Columbia, MD)**, The Howard County Police Department is providing free vehicle identification etching.

Engraving your car’s unique vehicle identification number on all of the major pieces of glass has proven to be a highly effective assists in returning stolen vehicles to rightful owners.

For more information, contact **Janet Stabile**, at **410-313-3337**.

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## **Community Advisory Council to Board of Education**

The Community Advisory Council to the Howard County Board of Education will hold a meeting on **Tuesday, September 15, 2009 at 7:30 p.m.**, in the **Board Room** at the **Department of Education, 10910 Route 108 in Ellicott City**.

The Community Advisory Council, a membership comprised of liaisons from various school PTSAs, community organizations and members at-large, facilitates communication between the community and the Board of Education on various issues and concerns. The CAC is also given the opportunity to provide their input toward curriculum, education policy, redistricting and the HCPSS budget.

For more information you may contact **Chris Wertman** at [\*\*cwertman@aol.com\*\*](mailto:cwertman@aol.com) or **410-707-4149**.

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## **Public Input Needed For Alpha Ridge Park Improvements!**

The Recreation & Parks Advisory Board is requesting public input on a proposed improvement plan for Alpha Ridge Park. On **Wednesday, September 16 at 7:00 p.m.** in the **Cafeteria** of **Mount View Middle School** (12101 Woodford Road, Marriottsville), the County’s Department of

Recreation and Parks will provide a short presentation of the Master Plan which will then be followed by public comment.

Proposed improvements include: more adequate parking, new restroom facilities, storage for park equipment, a roof over the roller hockey rink, new lighting and new trails to provide a connected trail system. In addition, the Howard County Astronomy Club has offered to provide a small astronomical observatory to house a telescope for night sky observation and astronomy programs.

For more information, you may contact **Raul Delerme at 410- 313-4685.**

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## **Free Seasonal Flu Mist Vaccine for Elementary Students!**

The Howard County School System, in partnership with the Howard County Health Department, is offering free seasonal Flu Mist vaccine to elementary students, with parent permission. Because the flu is very common in elementary school-age children, this age group has been noted as an important age group.

Dose 1 will be administered to students in one-half of the elementary schools on **September 22, 2009** and to students in the remaining half of the elementary schools on **September 24, 2009**. Parents will receive more specific information from their child's school. Students under 9 years old, who are receiving flu vaccine for the first time or who only received one dose of flu mist previously, will need a second dose. This will be offered during the week of **November 2, 2009**. Seasonal Flu Mist will protect students against seasonal flu but does not protect against the H1N1 influenza.

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## **Deer Management Program Information for 2009-2010!**

The Howard County Deer Management schedule for the fall/winter season is now available. The deer management program is an effort to help maintain a stable, balanced white-tailed deer population in our parks where deer browsing has been shown to reduce biodiversity.

This year's managed hunts will include a combination of bow and shotgun hunting. Hunting hours are from **dawn until 12 noon**, and each park will be closed for all other uses during this time. For more information on the deer management program, log on to

**[http://www.howardcountymd.gov/RAP/RAP\\_DeerManagement.htm](http://www.howardcountymd.gov/RAP/RAP_DeerManagement.htm)**.

Or you may call the **Department of Recreation & Parks at 410-313-1675**.

**Alpha Ridge Park:**

Bow & Shotgun  
November 4; December 9

**Blandair Park:**

Bow Hunting  
October 6; October 27; November 10; December 8

**David Force Park:**

Bow & Shotgun  
October 14; December 15

**Fulton South Area:**

Shotgun Hunting  
October 19; December 7; January 20

**High Ridge Park:**

Bow & Shotgun  
October 20; November 16

**Middle Patuxent Environmental Area:**

Bow & Shotgun  
October 7; October 28; November 11; December 16; January 13;  
February 10

**North Laurel Open Space Area:**

Bow & Shotgun  
October 12; November 2; November 23;

**Schooley Mill Park:**

Shotgun Hunting  
November 9; November 24; December 14



**West Friendship Park:**

Shotgun Hunting

November 18; February 3

**Wincopin Trail Area at Savage Park:**

Shotgun Hunting

October 13; October 26; November 17

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**Start a Neighborhood Watch Program in Your Community!**

The Neighborhood Watch Program involves the joint efforts of the Howard County Police Department and the community, designed to enhance neighborhood security, heighten the community's power of observation, and to encourage mutual assistance and concern among neighbors. For more information please contact the Howard County Police Department **at 410-313-2200.**

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**Reverse Mortgage Counseling to Residents 62 and Older!**

The Howard County Office on Aging, through Maryland Access Point (MAP), is offering Reverse Mortgage Counseling to Maryland residents age 62 and older who are considering this as an option. The counseling is targeted to seniors who may be able to pay for their everyday expenses but are struggling to cover the costs of health care, home repairs and modifications, increased property taxes and other unexpected expenses.

To schedule a counseling session or learn more about the costs and features of a reverse mortgage, call MAP of **Howard County's toll free number: 1-800-506-5806.**

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[http://www.co.ho.md.us/CountyCouncil/Dist2\\_Bio.htm](http://www.co.ho.md.us/CountyCouncil/Dist2_Bio.htm)

410-313-2001

"I am of the opinion that my life belongs to the community, and as long as I live it is my privilege to do for it whatever I can." George Bernard Shaw

